

**City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board**

MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2009
Civic Center Plaza Building

1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members –Fausto Palafox, Gail Roberts, Dan Simpson, Jon Becker, Karen Davis, Victoria Heithaus, Craig Jones, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.

[Not Present] – Patrick Caughey, Stephen Lamprides, Mary Johnson,

Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Misty Miliam and Ty Sterns (Urban Corps San Diego)

City Staff – Michael Marika, Ken Healy, Tony Gangitano, Alissa Gabriel,

3) **Approval of October Minutes:** Approved [d’Elgin/Davis]

4) **Chair’s Announcements:**

- a. Talking with Council members about support of the Urban Forester position and increased forestry presence is continuing. Still a goal to create a separate Forestry division in the City.
- b. Drew’s presentation of the Tree Protection Ordinance and how it relates to the Historic/Landmark designations.

5) **Discussion Item(s):**

- a. City budget impacts are still unknown. Final Council decision to be made 12/14/2009.
- b. Term out replacement process. Affected members will be contacted by Mayor’s staff to determine next steps.
- c. Tree City USA designation will be lost without Urban Forester position in the City.

6) **Action Item(s):**

- a. Tree Protection Nomination – 4304 Del Mar Avenue. Reviewed “Landmark” criteria. Moved to grant Landmark status based on high aesthetic value and unusual form. [D’Elgin/Jones] Approved.

7) **Reports:** Items not already on agenda

- a. Staff Reports
 - Michael Marika, Park & Recreation Dept. Arborist. Over forty trees in Balboa Park fell during recent storm; two of them were significant and/or historic in nature. Additionally, five palms broke at the trunk.
 - Ken Healy, Code Compliance Officer
 1. Monthly report attached
 2. Notifying property owners of sidewalk repair liability. Letter attached.
 3. Working to map tree protection designations using GIS software.



- Tony Gangitano, Development Services Dept. Senior Planner
 1. Landscape section restored under one senior planner. Landscape inspections now Gangitano's responsibility and he will be reviewing permits and brush management plans.
 2. New ordinance in effect 11/27/2009 provides watering requirements and details.
- 8) **Referrals to Committees:** Estrada created a working group to write letters in support of the Urban Forester position and creating a Forestry division.
- 9) **Public Comment:** Ty Sterns reported Urban Corps activities, grants, and upcoming events. 650 trees per year planted with City matching in-kind services.
- 10) **Adjourned** at 1:17pm

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General Services- Staff Report

Submitted by: Ken Healy

December 2, 2009



Current activities for October and November

Drew Potocki's Proposed Position Cut

- 13 years of saving your city's trees
- 13 years of planting trees
- How many of the programs that you all helped develop will fall apart?
- Fight for Urban Forestry Department in San Diego

Protected Trees

- 60 trees in process of being changed to protected status on city's GIS mapping program
- Ken Healy (Tree Warden) is being trained to do all the mapping modifications
- IT is working on a more user friendly version to nominate trees

Tree Planting Markings & Permits (residential)

- District 1—0 trees
- District 2—0 trees
- District 3—0 trees
- District 4—54 trees
- District 5—0 trees
- District 6—239 trees
- District 7—73 trees
- District 8---80 trees



- Total trees for October and November 2009

Total 454 TREES

Trees for Sidewalk Program

- Urban Forestry program exchanges sidewalk repair help for 1 or 2- 36" box street trees purchased by adjacent home owner (replacing removed or cut down tree by previous owner).

Cost Schedule and Recovery

This program allows for the city to recover costs associated with damage to trees due to accidents. The following is a summary of investigations for October through November.

- 4 investigations
- 3 determined to be recoverable

Cost recovery demand amount: \$4372.16

Land Development Code Investigations

This program entails the enforcement of illegal action to tree removal, tree trimming or otherwise non-permitted tree work. The following is a summary of investigations for September, 2009.

- 4 open investigations

Never hesitate to call me with tree code compliance issues

Ken Healy

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